

ORDINANCE NO. 08- 326

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08 OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE
PERTAINING TO CITY COMMISSIONS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos City Council Norms and Procedures adopted by the City Council hold that the City Council is responsible for appointing members of the community to the City's Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the adoption of reasonable standards, restrictions, and requirements concerning the membership requirements of its commission members are necessary to protect Los Altos's unique character and existing land uses; and to further protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents and its community; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance amendments set forth below have been reviewed and considered by the City Council in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended ("CEQA"), and the guidelines promulgated thereunder and, further, said Council finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that said amendments may have a significant effect on the environment and said amendments are therefore exempt from the requirements of the CEQA pursuant to the provisions of Section 15061(b)(3) of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

The City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Section 2.08.010 of Chapter 2.08 is hereby repealed in its entirety and a new Section 2.08.010 is amended to read as follows:

"2.08.010 Creation of commissions.

There are hereby established the following commissions in the city with the following numbers of regular voting members:

- A. Environmental commission: seven (7) members;
- B. Financial commission: seven (7) members;
- C. Historical commission: seven (7) members;
- D. Library commission: seven (7) members;
- E. Parks, arts and recreation commission: seven (7) members;
- F. Planning commission: seven (7) members;
- G. Traffic commission: seven (7) members;
- H. Youth commission: eleven (11) members.

"Five (5) members of the library commission shall be appointed by the council, and two (2) members of the library commission shall be appointed by the Los Altos Hills council.

In addition to the regular members of the commissions, additional voting members may be appointed by a majority vote of the council."

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Chapter 2.08 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.08.120 to read as follows:

“2.08.120 Powers and duties of the environmental commission.

The commission shall have those powers and duties entrusted to it by the council from time to time, and shall submit an annual report to the council. The environmental commission studies and makes recommendations to council on issues that affect the natural and built environment in the city and the region. Additional duties include special projects as directed by the council.”

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Chapter 2.08 is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2.08.130 to read as follows:

“2.08.130 Powers and duties of the financial commission.

The commission shall have those powers and duties entrusted to it by the council including:

- A. Annual review of the investment policy;
- B. Annual review of independent financial audit;
- C. Review of auditor selection process;
- D. Review of financial projections and assumptions. This especially relates to review of revenue projections provided in the annual mid-year report which are used biennially as the basis for the Service and Financial Plan;
- E. Special projects as directed by the council, city manager or finance director; and
- F. Submission of an annual report to the council.

The financial commission provides resident input to the council and staff regarding financial policy issues, and promotes resident participation and understanding regarding the financial condition of the city.”

SECTION 4. CONSTITUTIONALITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this code is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this code.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION. This ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code section 36933.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption date.

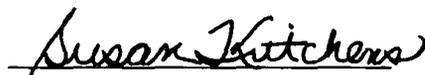
The foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos on June 24, 2008 and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on July 8, 2008 passed and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: SATTERLEE, CASAS, BECKER, CARPENTER
Noes: NONE
Absent: PACKARD



Valorie Cook Carpenter, MAYOR

Attest:


Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK

Date: July 22, 2008